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DEPT FOR L/M MALMBORG

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: AFSP/PDIP/BE
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF DEPENDENTS OF USG EMPLOYEES
IN COURT CASE

GOVERNMENT THROUGH PERMANENT DELEGATION TO NATO HAS
REQUESTED THAT TWO DEPENDENT TEENAGE SONS OF USNATO OFFICERS SUB-
MIT STATEMENT CONCERNING AN ALLEGED ASSAULT BY A TUNISIAN CITIZEN
ON A CANADIAN TEENAGE FEMALE, AND A SUBSEQUENT ASSAULT BY PERSONS
ON THE TUNISIAN CITIZEN.

BACKGROUND-
ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS OPENED A CASE AGAINST A TUNISIAN
CITIZEN FOR INDECENT ASSAULT, VIOLENCE AND THREAT ON A TEENAGE
FEMALE DEPENDENT OF A CANADIAN OFFICIAL OF NATO. THE ASSAULT
IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON JUNE 7, 1976 RPT 1976.

ACCORDING TO BELGIAN SOURCES, A GROUP OF THE FEMALE,S FRIENDS SUBSE-
QUENTLY ASSAULTED THE TUNISIAN. WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE ATTOR-
NEY GENERAL,S DOSSIER BUT THE WRITTEN BELGIAN REQUEST FOR THE
STATEMENTS SUGGESTS THAT THE TWO US TEENAGERS HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED
BY PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ALLEGED REVENGEBRAWL.

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CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE EMBASSY BY THE FATHERS
INDICATE THAT THE TWO TEENAGERS WERE NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN
EITHER INCIDENT.

THE FATHER OF ONE TEENAGER IS A DOD CIVILIAN POSSESSING AN ATTACHE
TITLE. THE OTHER FATHER IS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER, LISTED AS A STAFF
EMPLOYEE OF USNATO.

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PROPOSAL
WE PROPOSE THAT STATEMENTS BE PREPARED BY THE TEENAGERS AND SUBMITTED UNDER COVER OF A MEMO TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE BELGIAN NATO DELEGATION RATHER THAN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE THE REQUEST WAS RECEIVED THROUGH THAT CHANNEL. THE MEMO WOULD ALSO CLEARLY STATE THAT THE TEENAGERS HAVE VOLUNTARILY PREPARED THE STATEMENTS, AND ARE DEPENDENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ENJOY IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ACTION.

ACTION-
DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY IF ABOVE APPROACH ACCEPTABLE. IF NOT, REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO POSITION WE SHOULD TAKE IN REPLY TO THE BELGIAN REQUEST.CHAMBERS

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